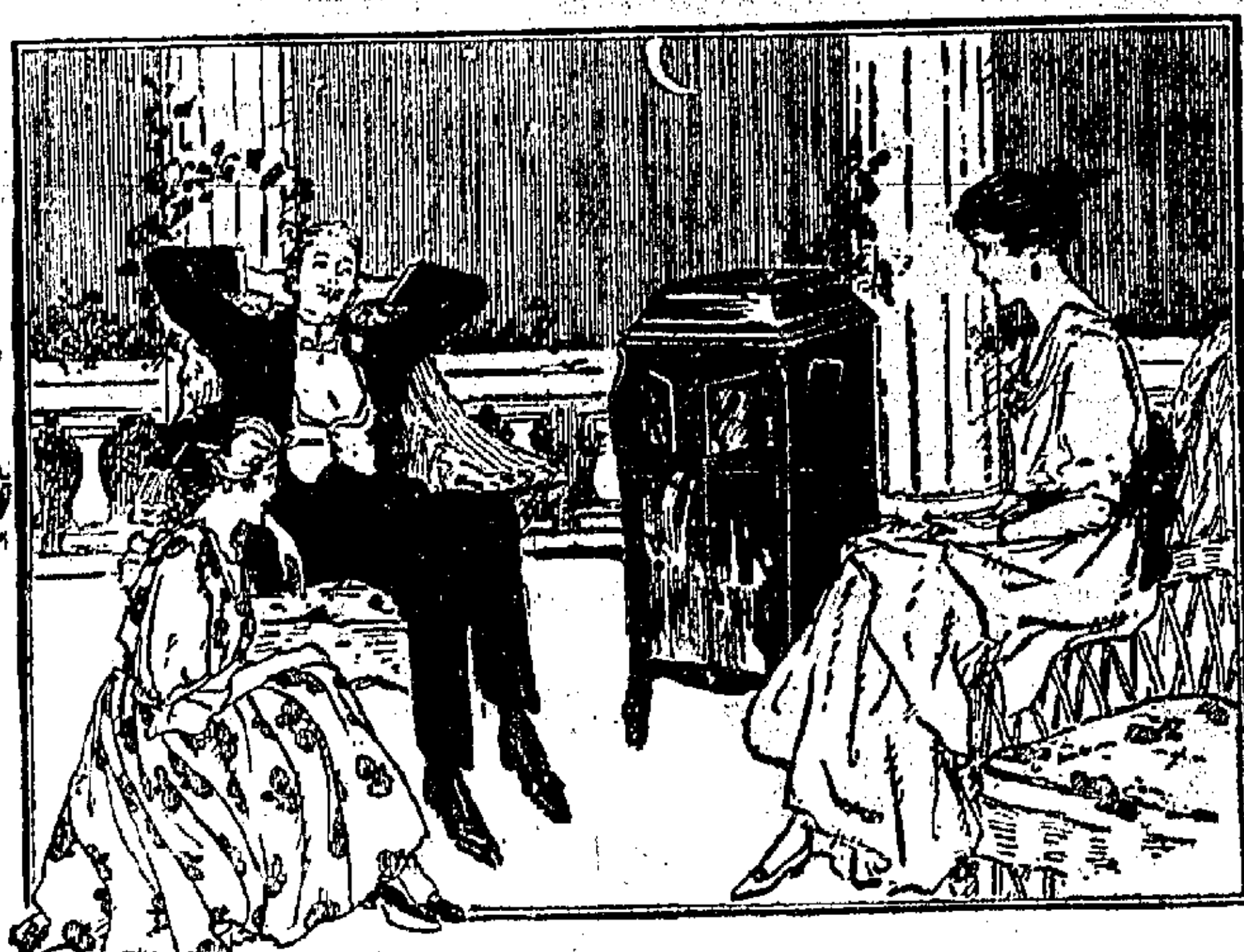


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INSTITUTE.LIST OF SUCCESSFUL
CANDIDATES.

We give below a list of successes, in connection with the Technical Institute Examinations held in June last:—

*Indicates distinction.

Allan, Ethel	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Au Pok-man	Teachers' (Men)	I.
	Mathematics	II.
Au Wo-chung	Teachers' (Men)	II.
Brown, Anna E.	Teachers' (Wom.)	I.
Castro, F. X. d'A.	English	III.
*Chuk Tai-kwong	Shorthand	B
*Chan Kai-bong	Shorthand	B
Chan Long-hin	Teachers' (Men)	I.
	Mathematics	II.
*Chan Mo-tong	Mathematics	I.
Chan Sik-ki	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Chan Wun-man	Teachers' (Wom.)	I.
*Charrington, H.	Mathematics	II.
Chau Chi-cheung	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Mathematics		
Chenailley, A. A.	Shorthand (80) Speed	
Cheng So-yu	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Cheng Chui-kam	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Cheng Hon-cha	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
*Cheng Pui-yiu	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Cheng Shiu-kam	Teachers' (Wom.)	I.
Cheng Sui Cho	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Cheng Sui-yung	Teachers' (Men)	II.
Chiu Him	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Chiu Yan-kwong	Shorthand	B
*Choy Sai-piu	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Christopher, M.	English	III.
*Chu Kam-tin	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
Clarke, Helen	Shorthand	Int.
*Coelho, M. M.	English	I.
Conceicao, V.	Shorthand (80) Speed	
Cordeiro, E.	Shorthand (70) Speed	
Dad, A. H. Fatty	Chemistry, Practical II.	
Edwards, Percy	Chemistry, Practical I.	
*Fan Shiu-ching	Physics	I.
	English	II.
Fung Hay-wah	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Fung Ngan-kwan	English	I.
Hayashi, Y.	Shorthand	B
Haynes, L. H.	Shorthand	B
*Haynes, L. J. D.	Physics	II.
Ho Chee-wing	Building Cons.	II.
Ho Kwai-fong	Architectural Design I.	
Ho Sheng	Building Cons.	I.
Ho Shu-fong	Physics	I.
Ho Tung, Edward	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Hu Kun-chi	Mathematics	II.
*Hui King-him	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Hung Pui-ching	Chemistry, Practical II.	
Hung Wai-sang	Shorthand (80) Sp.	
*Isaiah, S. A.	French	I.
Isaiah, S. D.	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
Jack, Jessie	Physics	I.
Kan Chi-man	English	I.
*Khan, Juman	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
Klingemann, Adele	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Ko Ping-kwong	Shorthand	Int.
*Kong Yik-tong	Teachers' (Wom.)	I.
Kung Yut-ngo	English	I.
Kunihiko, M.	Physics	I.
Kwok Chin-hing	English	II.
*Kwok T-hi	Book-keeping	II.
*Kwok Wan-hung	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
	Chemistry, Practical I.	
Kwok Yee-hing	Book-keeping	I.
*Kyling, Wm. H.	Book-keeping	I.
Kynock, J. G.	Teachers' (Men)	I.
*Lai Chi-wa	French	II.
Lai Kwai-sun	English	II.
Lai Pui-kon	Teachers' (Men)	III.
Lai Shu-fan	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
*Lam Kwai-yung	Teachers' (Wom.)	I.
Lam Muk-ying	Translation	I.
Lam Shing-fan	English	II.
*Lau Shiu-chuan	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Lau Wai-chun	Mathematics	I.
*Lau Ying-cheung	Physics	II.
Leung Choe	Book-keeping	II.
Leung Chui-fong	Teachers' (Wom.)	I.
Leung Chung-tat	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
Leung Lai-yung	Teachers' (Men)	III.
Leung Pik-shan	Teachers' (Men)	III.
Leung Sui-sang	Teachers' (Men)	III.
Li Chi-mai	Teachers' (Men)	II.
Li Chi-wa	Teachers' (Men)	II.
Li Ching-yat	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Li Ka-kuk	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Li Oi-ki	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Li Po-sun	Teachers' (Men)	III.
Li Tat-hang	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
Li Wai-shan	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
Li Wai-yuen	Teachers' (Men)	III.
Li Yun-shau	English	II.
Ling Man-i	Shorthand	Ele.
*Ling Tsang	Teachers' (Men)	III.
Lo Kai-yui	Teachers' (Men)	II.
Lo Shu-Nok	Physics	I.
Lo Wai-kwan	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
Lai Sut-Shi	Book-keeping	I.
McLeod, William	Shorthand	Ele.
Maclean, E. F.	Shorthand (80) Sp.	
*Madar, A. O.	English	I.
Macdonald, A. B.	Teachers' (Men)	II.
Mak Sui-wan	Teachers' (Men)	II.
Mak Yik-chi	English	I.
Mok Man-yee	Translation	I.
Mok Shin-cho	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Mok Yu-tak	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Naves, F.	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Nunes, F.	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
Ng Mui-hang	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Ng Pak-keung	Architectural Design I.	
*Ng Ping-un	Teachers' (Men)	II.
Ngan Kwan-yu	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
O Sui-sun	Shorthand (80) Sp.	
*Omar, U. M.	Teachers' (Men)	III.
Pinna, G. S.	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
Pong Wing-shiu	Teachers' (Men)	II.
*Poon Sau-hau	French	I.
Poon Why, Mary	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Pun U-chiu	Mathematics	I.
*Rodger, G. S.	Teachers' (Men)	III.
Rowan, G. E.	Teachers' (Men)	II.
*Roza, J. N.	Shorthand	B
Samy, A. H.	Physics	I.
Sho Tok-kwan	Mathematics	II.
Shi Lu-tak	Chemistry, Practical I.	
	Physics	II.
Sinsh, K. S.	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
Siu Wun-ying	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
So Lai-king	Chemistry, Practical I.	
So Po-lam	Physics	I.
	Shorthand	B
*Stubbings, G. E.	Teachers' (Men)	II.
Sun On-wing	Book-keeping	I.
*Sutton, E. J. R.	Book-keeping	I.

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THE FRAWLEY COMPANY.

"TWIN BEDS."

The Frawley Company, who during their short stay in Hongkong have fully maintained the high reputation with which they came to the Colony, scored another success last evening with the presentation of "Twin Beds," a farce which is "full of trouble for the principals and full of laughs for the audience."

All the trouble starts when Mrs. Hawkins becomes infatuated with an Italian tenor—Signor Monti—who always warbling an aria from something or another. The Signora Monti, suspicious of her husband's attentions to the other woman, moves her tenor off to another apartment and for some reason Mr. Hawkins gets the same idea and also moves to the same apartment. Twin beds are a new feature in the Hawkins' domestic economy, and the laughs begin when Signor Monti comes home towards morning and accidentally wanders into the Hawkins' apartment, where Mrs. Hawkins is slumbering peacefully, and crawls into the other bed. Further complications arise when another gentleman who is on the lookout for burglars goes into the same flat and is caught and gagged by the English maid. In the end it gives Mrs. Hawkins a great deal of trouble to explain how the two men got into her room while her husband was at the club that night. But it ends peacefully with the earnest resolve of the Hawkinses to do away with twin beds in the future.

The play is full of amusing incidents and last evening it kept the large audience laughing from start to finish. It will be given again this evening.

ANNAMITES ON WESTERN
FRONT.

The United Press correspondent with the French Armies writes:—
Annamite troops, the "little brown men" of France's colonies in Indo-China, have just had their baptism of fire on the Western front. They are the smallest men fighting, but they have acquitted themselves in a manner that gives them rank with the troops of greater physical endowment. The Annamite battalions are composed entirely of volunteers, and although they are now in the fighting line for the first time, they have been in France for a little over a year. What they lack in physical size they more than make up in spirit. Almost without exception they are students from the French schools, colleges, and universities in Indo-China, where the call for volunteers early in 1916 almost depleted the French educational institutions.

Although a people of very rigid social classes, the Annamites accepted the democratic life of the French Army. Among those serving are Annamites with the ranks of colonel, major, and captain, and others of noble and noble, and among themselves all are courteous to which these ranks are entitled are scrupulously observed, but when the battalions are formed for fighting or other service the counts and the mandarins become merely private soldiers. When these volunteers were first brought to France there was no idea of using them as fighting troops owing to their small stature, and they were employed in various services of the rear—as convoy chauffeurs, road builders, afforestation workers, etc.—but their constant proximity to the front soon aroused a desire for fighting, and now they have been given their chance.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

As previously ordered, the Band will play at North Point on Saturday, 1st September, at 9 p.m.

As previously ordered, the Drummers and Buglers will play at North Point on Saturday, 1st September, at 9 p.m.

Sergeants and Constables in possession of Bells, Whistles and Gongs issued to them for their visit to Macao are warned to return the same to Company Sergeant Major Silva before noon on Friday, the 31st inst.

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Sato Wing-hong	Shorthand	Ele.
Tan Cheuk-kai	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Tan Lai-king	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Tan Yau-kin	Teachers' (Men)	III.
Tang Lai-sang	Shorthand	Int.
Tang Shing-cheung	Translation	I.
*Tang Shu-sham	Shorthand	Int.
To King-ning	English	II.
*To Kwai-fong	Teachers' (Women)	I.
*To Yuen-shang	Mathematics	II.
Tsang Hin-nung	B'ding, Construction II.	
Tsang Tsung-ping	Chemistry, Practical I.	
Tsang Tung-fook	Physics	I.
Tsui Hung-piu	English	II.
Tsui Yee-hing	Teachers' (Wom.)	I.
Tsui Yuk-lin	Teachers' (Wom.)	I.
Un Chan-fai	English	III.
Un Pak-sun	Chemistry, Practical III.	
Wallace, G. G.	Teachers' (Women)	III.
Wei Lan-sang	Physics	II.
Wei H. W.	French	II.
*Wong K. H.	Book-keeping	I.
*Wong Kwok-nai	Mathematics	I.
*Wong Tai-on	Teachers' (Wom.)	II.
*Wong Wai-fong	Chemistry, Practical I.	
Wong Yan-kwong	Physics	II.
Wong Yee-but	Teachers' (Men)	I.
Wu Min	Chemistry, Practical I.	
Xavier, B.	Shorthand (80) Sp.	
Xavier, M.	Shorthand (70) Sp.	
Yennie Ngan-kun	Teachers' (Wom.)	III.
Yin Cho-sang	Teachers' (Men)	III.
Yuen Hip-wai	Mathematics	II.
Yuen Tso-kwan	English	II.
Yvanovich, P. A.	French	I.

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UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION
RESULTS.

HONGKONG CANDIDATES.

No.	Name.	School.
8—	Charles S. Rossetti, Diocesan.	
73—	Liu Wa-po, Diocesan.	
77—	Wong Ka-sun, Diocesan.	

PASS LIST.

No.	Name.	School.
1—	Lam Wan-po, Queen's College.	
10—	Charles Onslow, Diocesan.	
11—	Mohammed Aslan Khan, Q's College.	
13—	Armand Joseph Braga, P's College.	
13—	Wai Linsing, Queen's College.	
21—	Wong Kwok-in, Queen's College.	
24—	Ernest Shmet, St. Joseph's College.	
25—	Joseph Binghang Lin, St. Joseph's C.	
27—	Lau Hon-cho, Queen's College.	
28—	José José Basto, St. Joseph's College.	
30—	Juan Coroninas, St. Joseph's C.	
31—	Shin Kwai-shang, Q's College.	
32—	Eduardo V.M. de Sousa, St. Joseph's	
33—	Shin Lok-shang, Queen's College.	
34—	F. Xavier Chow, St. Joseph's College.	
35—	Tan So-kin, St. Stephen's College.	
37—	Tsoi Tung-wing, St. Stephen's C.	
37—	Liu Wa-sun, St. Stephen's College.	
44—	Thomas Archdale Martin.	

Private Study.

No.	Name.	School.
47—	Chao Kuo-liang, St. Stephen's C.	
51—	Tam Yau-yau, St. Stephen's C.	
52—	Fung Tse-kung, University.	
54—	Sen Chi-ming, University.	
55—	Pau Chik-yun, St. Stephen's C.	
61—	Herbert Wells Randall, Diocesan.	
65—	Francis Smith, Diocesan.	
67—	Kenneth Augustus Mason, Diocesan.	
70—	Lim Eng-hac.	
70—	Edward Gourdin, Diocesan.	
82—	Joseph C. Thivy.	

Candidates who may matriculate in the Faculty of Arts or Engineering, but will be required to pass subsequently in Chinese.

No. Name. School.

6—Tso Chak-kau, Diocesan.

63—Chou Hong-to, Diocesan.

Candidates who failed the Matriculation Examination, but have been awarded Senior Local Certificates.

No. Name. School.

20—Miya Ahmed Cameroo, St. Joseph's.

30—Abasshoy Adoothosen, St. Joseph's C.

Candidates who have previously passed the Matriculation Examination and have now qualified for the Faculty of Medicine.

No. Name.

50—Ang Swei-cheng.

66—Carlos F. X. da Roza.

Candidates who had previously matriculated and have now qualified in Chinese.

No. Name.

80—Lau Yau-chi.

SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION.

HONGKONG CANDIDATES.

BOYS.

Passed Matriculation.

No. Name. School.

172—Li Kai-tai, St. Paul's College.

No. Name. School.

153—Sheik Akbar Ismail, Q's College.

168—Yau Hau-king, St. Paul's College.

177—Chan Ki-wong, Diocesan.

GIRLS.

Honours List.

No. Name. School.

206—Delinda Lopes, Belilios Public.

No. Name. School.

201—Annie Maria Silva, Italian Convent.

203—Beatrice White, Italian Convent.

205—Carmen Florenca Garcia, Italian C.

206—Florence Lyons, Belilios Public.

211—Felicitade Neves, Italian Convent.

213—Florentina Nunes, Italian Convent.

215—Helen Clarke, Italian Convent.

216—Anizia Lopes, Belilios Public School.

218—Lo Mo-in, St. Stephen's.

222—Choy Kam-yuet, St. Stephen's.

223—Mary Walter, Italian Convent.

224—Kwok Shing-man, St. Stephen's.

JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION.

HONGKONG CANDIDATES.

PASS LIST—BOYS.

No. Name. School.

3—Laukin Fan, Queen's College.

5—Lau Wai-kiu, Queen's College.

6—Wong Po-ki, St. Stephen's College.

8—Yue Man-kwong, St. Stephen's

9—Chau Man-kan, Queen's College.

12—Yeo Hon-ping, St. Stephen's.

14—Ung Yau-chung, Diocesan

16—Lu Po-sham, Diocesan.

19—Chan Ping-sham, Queen's College.

21—Wong Lok-ka, Queen's College.

23—Tao Lu-kin, Queen's College.

24—James Lawrence Yng Saye, Diocesan

27—Lau Hung-chun, Queen's College.

28—Henry John Howard, Diocesan

30—Chan Chau-lam, Diocesan.

33—Fung Kee-yuen, Queen's College

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM OUR PEKING CORRESPONDENT.]

ITALY AND CHINA.

PEKING, August 29th.

The Daily News publishes a sensational article detailing demands alleged to be made by the Italian Minister as compensation for Italians injured in the Peking fighting last month. These demands include the employment of Italians in the Customs and the handing over of the Austrian Concession at Tientsin. Count Aliotti denies the verbal statements attributed to him, and explains that he took advantage of the occasion afforded by a visit to the Waichow to put forward a claim to compensation and also to ask that one or two Italians be given positions vacated by Germans and Austrians in the Customs Service and Salt Administration. He also asked for the rectification of the boundary between the Italian and Austrian Concessions at Tientsin, which question has been under consideration for some time.

FAREWELL TO THE EX-PRESIDENT.

PEKING, August 28th.

The ex-President Li Yuan-hung has left the French Hospital and departed for Tientsin by special train. Members of the Cabinet and high Military Officers bade him farewell at the Railway Station and a brass band played. It is understood that he will remain at Tientsin some time.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The sale of Dr. Morrison's library is completed.

Congratulations have been received from the King of Italy. The President has replied.

A Mandate authorises the Ministry of Finance to send for the relief of sufferers by the flood \$30,000 each to Chihli, Fengtien and Honan; \$50,000 to Hunan; and \$10,000 to Jehol.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

AUSTRIAN AND JAPANESE DEMANDS.

SHANGHAI, August 30th.

The Italian Minister has asked to be allowed to administer the Austrian Concession at Tientsin, offering by way of exchange a revision of the Customs duties and the postponement of the claim for indemnity.

Japan has requested to be allowed to administer the north part of the Tsingtau railway.

The agreement relating to the Japanese loan of 10,000,000 dollars was signed yesterday.

MEDIATOR SENT TO KWANGTUNG.

The Government have sent Fong Keng-kwang to Kwangtung to mediate there.

CANTON NEWS.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

CANTON, August 30th.

GERMANS REMOVING TO HONAN.

The Superintendent of Police has received reports that many Germans have removed to Fong Chuen (Honan). THE CIVIL GOVERNORSHIP.

The post of Civil Governor is still vacant. General Luk Wing-ting favours someone other than Wu Ming-Poon for the office. The Tsuchun Chan Ping-kwan desires a man with military knowledge like Li Yew-hon. The Military and the Assembly support Wu Hon-man, ex-Tutuh; while the public incline to Chan King-ming (ex-Tutuh). Yew-hon, however, is considered the most likely candidate.

Wu Hon-man, the ex-Tutuh, went to Hongkong on the 29th, after hearing that the Provincial Assembly had elected him as Civil Governor.

The Tsuchun has cancelled the command of the Civil Governor's body-guard. He has now altogether 20 regiments under his command.

THE SOUTHERN PARLIAMENT.

Parliament has passed the second reading of the Bill for establishing a Ministry of War.

Twenty-two more M.P.s. arrived at Canton yesterday, and over one hundred others are expected from Shanghai very soon. The majority so far belong to Northern Provinces. General Luk Wing-ting as expected to arrive in Kwangtung very soon.

CORRESPONDENCE. I

THE MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—The point having been raised of increasing the amount of military work required of local business men, the time appears opportune for inquiring whether the present system of combining business and military duties is producing the best results obtainable from the resources of the Colony.

Roughly speaking, our male population may be divided into military men and business men, both classes highly trained in their respective spheres, and each class able to produce its best work in the particular pursuit to which its training has been devoted.

The personnel of the business community has been reduced to the minimum number necessary for running the commerce of the Colony as a result of the deliberations of the Military Commission, and, as a consequence of this reduction, the remaining business men have now to work at higher than normal pressure, with holidays debarred except in unusual circumstances, and hours of recreation considerably curtailed. This in spite of the fact that experience has proved such holidays and recreation to be essential to maximum output of work in a tropical climate.

These men are called upon to discharge military duties which occupy not only hours normally required for recreation, but also time—a very considerable amount in certain sections—which ought to be given to rest. The services of military men can be arranged equitably for any hours of the day or night, but it is not so in the case of business men, who are required to attend office at 9 a.m., irrespective of night duties.

The Military Service Bill proposes that still further time be transferred to military duties, and it becomes a question of how far this principle can be carried without leaving the business men physically inefficient for business and still merely partially-trained soldiers. Military men, on the other hand, are taking up censorship and business posts, and the natural result of such a combination of duties will be a tendency in both classes to become "Jacks of all trades and masters of none."

Every business man willingly devotes hours of recreation to acquiring the essentials of drill and shooting, but beyond that the best results can be attained by leaving the business man to his business and the soldier to his soldiering.

Military duties present more opportunities for honour and glory than does the humdrum routine of business, but it has been established that the commercial connections of the Colony are to be maintained, and any sense of satisfaction derived from doing one's bit in khaki is worth sacrificing to the knowledge of more efficient work in the direction in which one is better qualified to serve.

I enclose my card, and am, sir, yours faithfully,

IMPERIAL.

Hongkong, 30th August, 1917.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—It is to be hoped that the Military Service Bill will not be rushed through all its remaining stages at the Legislative Council meeting to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, but that the public will be afforded an opportunity of considering it in its amended form. There can be no reason for haste, and, as the Bill is one which intimately concerns every man of British race in the Colony between the ages of 18 and 55—and no other section of the community—it is a matter upon which we are pre-eminently entitled to express an opinion.—Yours faithfully,

"FESTINALENTE."

Hongkong, August 30th, 1917.

THE SERVICE DOLLAR.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—In the early part of 1914 when the dollar rose from 1s. 9d. to the "starvation" rate of 1s. 11d., the "awful hardship" inflicted on officers was immediately recognised and compensation given as the result of a cable; but now that the rate has practically doubled not a word is heard. The fact that the individual soldier has to live on charity, less the seniors' share, doesn't interest them at all. It is very good of the China Association and the Chamber of Commerce to take the matter up, but the people whose duty it is to stop this whole sale robbery are wasting their time trying to Germanise the colony with an 18-to-50 Conscription Bill.

Another point worth bringing forward is that some of the Chinese clerks employed in a certain Military office were paid at sterling rates when the dollar was low, but when it rose to 2s. they complained, and, without trouble, they got their salaries fixed at currency rates. The soldier, of course, can carry on if the dollar goes to 5s. The injustice of the whole situation makes one's blood boil.—Yours, etc.,

DELEGATE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—"Resident" suggests a move in the right direction, but will officialdom have the courage to take such a bold course? If our heads of departments had had more courage things would not have reached this state.

I came to Hongkong a decent, loyal, patriotic Englishman, thinking my country the best in the world, and was ready to fight or do anything else for her. What I am now I would not like to say, and I feel certain that you would not like to print it. I don't suppose that even Germany is, or has been, making money at the expense of her ill-paid Service men.

The contemptuous indifference of the Home Government is almost beyond belief. One can imagine a very subordinate Secretary getting hold of the fourth or fifth cablegram from Hongkong and promptly filing it with such a remark as:—"What! Again those curs are yapping!"

The question is, how many more days can this state of affairs go on without something coming to a head? I write "days" advisedly. In every mess—both officers and sergeants—in every barrack room, canteen, office—in fact, anywhere where Service men congregate—we hear discontent and bitter remarks. Men say "I have given my all for my country, and by heavens I'm wondering if she is worth it." All are longing for the end of the war, when they can leave the service of an unjust and ungrateful country and find a place where sacrifices are not rewarded by ill and unjust treatment.

Men with grievances are apt to be unjust, and in this case it is not the country which is treating its sons so abominably, but certain obstinate officials at home, who don't know the conditions and refuse to be told. It is quite possible that one official only is "putting the lid on" all the efforts of the public-spirited residents of Hongkong, who are undoubtedly trying their best to help the soldier and sailor.

I suggest an appeal to Lord Northcliffe to make the grievance public (I fancy our brothers and friends in France, many of whom have served in this Colony, will have something to say in the matter when they hear of it), and so force the hand of officialdom at home, and, failing that, an appeal to His Majesty the King himself, for whom thousands of Service men have given up their whole prospect of happiness and prosperity, and even their lives.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

DISGUSTED.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1917.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Time is going on since the agitation about the dollar started, matters are much worse, the dollar is still rising, tempers are strained, nothing material happens.

The Military Authorities assert that they have posted home a very complete statement, but whether that statement explained that men are sometimes hungry is not known except by those in authority. A telegram once a week from the military would not do any harm to the men. At present the Home Government is receiving telegrams from private sources, but not, apparently, from the Colonial Government or Military quarters. It would seem from the Military standpoint that a 3s. dollar is not sufficiently serious to warrant a telegram or telegrams. One letter is considered ample. That quite possibly has been sunk or, if it survived the perils of the sea, has been buried in a pigeon-hole by some monocular idiot who doesn't know a dollar from a dime.

Surely all patriotic spirit is being strangled. Men say they don't care a hang how things go. They openly blame someone—it is useless for me to say whom, for you would properly, in the interests of your paper, eliminate such reference. But, believe me, some bitter things are being said—and meant. Socialism gains adherents every day. You hear the Stockholm Conference, backed up because we cannot be any worse off under any circumstances; we get nothing now, we could not get less anyhow, so what does it matter?

The Services' only hope is the civilians, with a possibility of the Legislative Council doing something to awaken the Home Government to the necessity of action. The Naval and Military Authorities appear to be helpless. Or is it that they haven't adopted the right tone?—Yours faithfully,

SOLDIER.

HONGKONG MAGISTRACY.

CLIMBED THE SCAFFOLDING.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed upon a Chinese who entered a house by climbing some scaffolding, and stole a gold watch and chain.

OPIUM.

A fine of \$1,000 was imposed upon a Chinese who was found guilty of being in unlawful possession of 16 taels of prepared opium. The only excuse put forward by the defendant was that "a man gave it to me."

STOLEN RAIMENT.

Before Mr. Dyer Ball, a Chinese was charged with entering a house in Bonham Strand and stealing a suit of clothing. The man was seen leaving the house with the stolen goods in his possession.

He was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

MUNITIONS.

Mr. Wood imposed a fine of \$500 on a Chinese who was found in unlawful possession of two revolvers and two boxes of cartridges.

Revenue Officer Clarke, who had charge of the case, said that the revolvers were of the latest Smith-Wesson pattern. The alternative to the fine was six months' hard labour.

DOUBTFUL.

A charge of purse-snatching was preferred against a coolie formerly in the employ of Professor Middleton Smith, of the Hongkong University.

It was stated that the defendant snatched the purse from the pocket of another man, the purse containing two rings valued at \$30, and \$2 in small money. The alleged snatching was said to have taken place in Queen's Road Central.

The complainant said that he felt his purse snatched, and upon looking around he saw the defendant running away. Before he had got far the defendant was arrested by an Indian constable.

The defendant alleged that he saw the purse on the ground and picked it up. No sooner had he picked up the purse than he was surrounded by a crowd of people, who all seemed to claim the purse. The complainant was among the crowd. He (defendant) put the purse in his pocket with the intention of only giving it up when a proper description of the purse and its contents was forthcoming. Soon after he had done this an Indian constable came up and arrested him.

Inspector Brazil said that Professor Smith had informed him that he had always found the coolie honest.

The defendant was discharged.

MUSICAL BURGLAR.

M. George S. Weir, of the Pathe Photo Cinema Co., has reported to the Police that on the night of the 28th inst. some person entered his shop and stole 320 gramophone records, valued at \$480.

THE INDIAN MURDER TRIAL.

The trial of the three Indian Naval Yard Police, for the murder of a Sergt. Major of Naval Yard Police, will take place at the next Criminal Sessions. The case was to have opened at the Supreme Court this morning, but the Attorney-General has consented to the case going over until the next Criminal Sessions.

POLICE RESERVIST NOT A CIVIL SERVANT.

A case was heard in the Hongkong Summary Court yesterday, in which Mok Kom Son, a member of the Police Reserves, and orderly to Mr. F. C. Jenkin (D.S.P., R.) put forward as his defence in an action brought against him by an Indian money-lender, for \$104, the new Civil Service regulations which provides that Civil Servants cannot be sued for such debts.

His lordship, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice, held that the defendant, as a Police Reservist, could not claim the protection of the Ordinance and agreed to judgment by consent for \$100.

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NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on Account of the War the Consul-General for the Netherlands will not be "At Home" on the 31st August, the Anniversary of the Birthday of HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS.

HAMEL,
Consul General.
Hongkong, 30th August, 1917. [584]

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

Session 1-17-1918.

THE UNIVERSITY Re-Opens on September 15th.
Degree Courses in Medicine, Engineering, Arts including Education, also a Course in Commerce.
For particulars apply to—
THE REGISTRAR. [585]

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY
(BRITISH SECTION).

NOTICE.

TIFIN TRAIN.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and from SATURDAY, 1st September, and on each succeeding Saturday, until further Notice, Tifins will be served on the Train leaving Kowloon at 1.24 p.m. to First-Class Passengers only. The charge for tiffin will be \$1.25.

To assist the Government and for their own personal comfort, passengers are requested to book their seats in advance by Telephone or letter, which may be done up to Friday night.

By Order,

H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.

Telephone No. K. 261.
Kowloon, 31st August, 1917. [586]

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

FANLING.

THE BIG COURSE will be OPEN for play from 1st September.

K. M. CUMMING,
Hon. Secretary. [588]

LOST.

A WHITE PERSIAN CAT. Finder will be suitably rewarded on returning same to—
"X. Y. Z." Office.
Care of "Daily Press" Office. [593]

NOTICE.

WE HAVE REMOVED our Offices to Second Floor of No. 50 and 52, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Tai Cheung Building.
Telephone No. 2418.

S. D. SETNA & Co.
Hongkong, 29th August, 1917. [592]

DIOCESAN SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL Duties will be RESUMED on SATURDAY, 1st September.

For Terms for Boarders and Day-Scholars, apply to—

THE HEADMASTER.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1917. [578]

NOTICE.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH SCHOOL, Causeway Bay, RE-OPENS on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, at 9 A.M. [592]

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ABOUT end September by Local Shipping Firm LADY STENOGRAPHIST—previous experience essential.

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G. R.
NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers.

All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION or PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916.

Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50. [588]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel, on SATURDAY, 1st September, 1917, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to 30th June, 1917, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th August, 1917, to 1st September, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. H. TAGGART,
Manager and Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th August, 1917. [586]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 3482 dated Hongkong 19th February, 1900, for 50 Shares numbered 54219 to 54249, 10207, 52340 to 52349, 4186 to 4190 and 55311 to 55315 and Provisional Certificate No. 43571 dated Hongkong, 8th July, 1907, for 25 Shares numbered 83206 to 83230, all Registered in the name of Sir CARL MARX, Bart., have been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate and this Provisional Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 2nd September, 1917, new Certificates for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Certificate No. 3482 and Provisional Certificate No. 43571 will thereafter be treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STARR,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1917. [591]

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION).

(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND).

Unredeemed Bank Notes.

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AFTER THAT DATE, holders will find it necessary to claim repayment INSTERLING from the BOARD OF TRADE, LONDON, to whom the necessary funds will be remitted.

THE BOARD OF TRADE make a charge for payment of claims out of monies deposited in the "COMPANIES LIQUIDATION ACCOUNT" at the Bank of England.

A. R. LOWE,
Liquidator.

Chartered Bank Building,
Hongkong, 16th August, 1917. [596]

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AUCTION

For Sale
by
Public Auction.

Subject to the conditions prescribed by the Straits Settlements "Alien Enemies (Winding-up) Ordinance, 1916," as amended from time to time by Ordinances, 1 of 1915, 27 of 1916, 27 of 1916 and 27 of 1917 and as adopted in this State.

All that land known as THE BATU LIMA ESTATE consisting of about 1,016 acres, 1 road, 33 perches held under East Coast Country Grant No. 49 for 999 years from 1883, RENT FREE. About 275 acres of the land is planted with rubber (150 acres in bearing) and 50 acres with coconuts 3 to 4 years old.

Situated on main road within 5 miles of Sandakan Wharf.

The following buildings in good condition are on the Estate:

(a) 1 bungalow (40' x 30') containing 2 bedrooms, dining room and veranda. Corrugated iron roof, plank walls, tiled floor.

(b) 1 Store (38' x 22'). Corrugated iron roof, plank walls.

(c) 1 Smoke-house (24' x 20'). Corrugated iron walls and roof, earth floor.

(d) 1 Factory (32' x 16'). Corrugated iron roof, plank walls, cement floor. Contains 2 hand machines, 25 latex pails and over 9,000 cups.

(e) 16 Coolie houses (each 18' x 14'). Plank walls, thatched roofs.

The above property will be sold by Public Auction in the Court House at Sandakan at 12 o'clock Noon, on SATURDAY, 20th October, 1917.

RESERVE PRICE \$100,000 (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) STRAITS SETTLEMENTS CURRENCY.

(NOTE:—This reserve price has been based on a report on the Estate by the Honourable Mr. F. E. Leese, Manager of Sapong Estate).

The sale is subject to the following conditions:—

(1) \$30,000 (Singapore Currency) to be paid on purchase and the balance by monthly instalments thereafter of \$10,000. Interest at the rate of 7% per annum will be charged on instalments overdue and default for 30 days will invalidate the sale and render the deposit and all instalments liable to forfeiture.

(2) Upon payment of the deposit an agreement will be executed by the liquidator undertaking to complete the transfer of the estate, free of all incumbrances, on payment of the final instalment of the purchase money.

And to the following special conditions:—

(1) The purchaser must be a British subject and not under any foreign influence; he will be required to satisfy the Governor that no person of an enemy or foreign origin is directly or indirectly interested with him in the purchase, and he must make such statutory declaration in that behalf as may be required by the Governor.

(2) For the purposes of this sale any person entitled under the Land Laws of North Borneo to rank as a Native shall be deemed to be a British subject.

(3) In the case of a Company formed for the purpose of acquiring the business its Memorandum of Association must contain special provisions, to be approved by the Governor, to exclude the possibility of the Company falling under foreign control.

Generally speaking, it will be necessary to prevent more than one-fourth of the shares or the voting rights being held by, or subject to the control of, foreigners.

(4) In the case of a Company already in existence, if the Articles of Association do not already so provide, they must be altered in a manner satisfactory to the Governor so as to exclude the possibility of the Company falling under foreign control, and the Directors must furnish an undertaking to use their best endeavours to have the provisions referred to above inserted in the Memorandum of Association if legislation should be introduced enabling the Memorandum of Association to be altered by the insertion of such provisions.

(5) Should the Governor for any reason not approve of the purchaser, the contract may be rescinded by the Governor and the deposit will be returned without interest or expenses.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

W. W. SMITH,
Liquidator

RESIDENT'S OFFICE,
SANDAKAN, NORTH BORNEO,
29th June, 1917. [513]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 31st August, 1917.

DECAY OF PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS.

WHEN some future historian takes as his subject the great war, he may see cause to devote one chapter to the decay of Parliamentary institutions in Britain. Observers of political movements sometimes obtain a truer perspective of events by being far removed from the centre, for, as the Japanese proverb says, the darkest place is under the lantern. So those Britons who are compelled to live abroad, looking across the waters to the mother country, may see more than those who, taking part in the actual scene themselves, have their vision narrowed by their own particular activities in the general movement. Similarly, the future historian, separated from the struggle and hurry by a stretch of years, may get a clearer insight into our times than we have. Such a future observer might find some difficulty in fixing the exact time when Parliamentary institutions began to wane in power. He might be inclined to place it at the period when Mr. GLADSTONE found it advisable, owing the obstruction offered by a certain party in the House of Commons, to curtail the rights of debate by empowering the Speaker to accept a motion for the closure of the discussion. Or perhaps he might feel inclined to date it from the time when it was seen that even the solemn resolutions of Parliament could be set aside and rendered nugatory by well-planned agitation. From whatever time he fixed the beginning of the decay, however, he would probably select the present as the period when the evidence of such decay was most clearly noticeable. He would refer to the contempt shown for the private member of Parliament, as evidenced in the tone of the examination of Mr. PRAMINGTON BILLING in a recent case, and the slighting expressions with which the Court thought it proper

to refer to Members of Parliament generally. He would also point to the tendency among the influential not to enter Parliament themselves but to support some "carpet-bagger." He would note the almost entire absence of control by Parliament over Ministers, and the ineffectiveness of any protests that might be made owing to lack of support, which, again, suggests a general lowering of the mentality of the House of Commons. Only recently one member succeeded in persuading the Government that a procedure on which they were about to embark for the supposed furtherance of trade and commerce was a gross encroachment on private rights; that the corporation, or whatever it was that the Government proposed to create as its sole agent, would, so far from encouraging trade, interfere with it. But for the energy of this one member, who received hardly any support, the Government would have embarked upon a policy utterly subversive of all the economic principles which have made of a few small islands off the coast of France the greatest trading nation in the world. Again we have the Government calmly introducing a Bill the result of which would lead to British subjects in China and Japan being conscripted into the State armies of those countries, and arousing only a mild protest against a procedure which obviously would inflict great hardship on the conscripts. The only alternative which the Government agreed to accept was that those who were willing to pay their passage should be allowed to receive their training in the homeland. After spending money so lavishly that even the meek and mild House of Commons is moved to demand a Commission of Inquiry, the Government grudges the small amount required to transport conscripts to the homeland. Our future historian would also, no doubt, note how a complacent House of Commons consented to the expense of establishing a Ministry of National Service when it was obvious that the tremendous nature of such a task was beyond the powers of any Minister. The Minister appointed did his best, but the only result accomplished was the transference of people from work they could do to work they could not do. The already historic instance of an "organiser" who was put to work at the docks because the young lady who made up the returns entered him down as an "organ grinder" was sufficient in itself to kill the scheme with ridicule, and make Mr. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN resign. Yet the honourable members assembled in Parliament did not say a word. Departments with large staffs of officials have been created for purposes never very well defined, so that the activity of one department is constantly overlapping that of another, and the selection of officials is so made that we hear of gentlemen gravely suggesting the removal of a shaft-tunnel on a steamer so that more cargo may be carried, and other gentlemen ordering the mixture with flour of substances so deleterious that a leading medical journal predicts a serious weakening of the race, and so various that the bakers in learning how to use them spoiled quantities of "bread" which they were obliged to destroy in their own furnaces because the law prohibited them from throwing it away or giving it to pigs. The complaint is not that the Government has made mistakes; all Governments are liable to make mistakes, more especially under stress of exceptional circumstances; but that the Members of Parliament should show so slight a regard for their duties and so little acuteness of intellect as to allow, almost without protest, the constant repetition of blunders. This is the reason why the future historian will see in the present year of grace the decay of Parliamentary institutions in full progress; why he will be inclined to compare the average intellect of the Members of Parliament to that of the official who announced a rise in the official price of potatoes from a future date and then wondered why the vegetable in question suddenly became so scarce on the market—clearly a case for a surgical operation.

Hongkong University re-opens on the 15th prox.

A Garden Party was held at Mountain Lodge yesterday afternoon.

To-morrow the Saturday tiffin train on the Kowloon-Canton Railway will be resumed.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. L. Bowley and family have left for a short holiday in North China.

Refreshments will be obtainable at the Police Band Concert, North Point, to-morrow (Saturday) night, Messrs. Wiseman having been engaged as caterers.

Owing to the war, the usual "At Home" at the Dutch Consulate in celebration of H.M. the Queen of Holland's birthday will not be held to-day.

The Bishop of Victoria has left the Colony for Weihaiwei. He will return early in October. During his absence the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, St. Paul's College, will attend to all correspondence.

A whist-drive was held in the Dockyard on Wednesday night by the Dockyard Recreation Club. Mr. Stannard handed prizes to the following successful players:—Ladies—1st, Mrs. Cousins; 2nd, Miss Goodall; 3rd, Mrs. Fooks. Men—1st, Chief Writer Smith, R.N.; 2nd, Mr. Churcher; 3rd, Mr. Crocker. Mr. Budden acted as M.C.

There was a parade of the Hongkong Police Reserve last evening. The Corps was inspected by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (R.), who has recently returned from a holiday which was rendered necessary by the condition of his health. The men fell in at the Central Police Station, and, headed by the bugles and drums, marched to Statue Square, where the D.S.P. took the salute.

THE SERVICE DOLLAR.

TELEGRAM TO THE NAVY LEAGUE.

The following telegram has been dispatched by the Hongkong branch of the Navy League to the parent Society in London:

"Hongkong Branch Navy League strongly supports (the) application (of the) Naval and Military Services for relief from (the) unbearable hardship caused by (the) high rate of exchange, which reduces local pay (in) silver currency by over one-third. Publish this (in the) London newspapers.—WILLIAMS.

HONGKONG POLICE ROLL OF HONOUR.

ANOTHER MAN KILLED.

News has been received of the death of another Hongkong Policeman on active service.

A cable was received on Wednesday informing the Captain Superintendent of Police that P.-c. Edward Charles Sillis, who went home with the second contingent, was killed on July 1st. No other particulars were forthcoming, but it is assumed that Sillis was in France at the time of his death, for it is known that he had been at the front for some time past.

This brings the total of Hongkong police killed at the front up to eight, their names being Wakeford, Allchurch, Jury, Painting, Gardiner, Edwards, Wilson and Sillis. With regard to Wilson, his death was presumed last month, as he had been missing since early in 1916, and no information had been received in connection with him.

DR. KOCH'S RETIREMENT.

QUARTER OF A CENTURY IN THE COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Yesterday Dr. W. V. M. Koch practically completed his term of service under the Colonial Office, for he left by the *Empress of Russia* to take a short holiday and, on his return in October, he will commence private practice with consultation rooms in

THE WAR.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S REPLY TO THE POPE.

ENEMY PENETRATES RUSSIAN POSITIONS.

ROUMANIANS CHECK GERMANS.

ITALIANS ENGAGED IN FIERCE CONFLICT.

Branco-Belgian front.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH FRONT.

STORMY WEATHER.

LONDON, August 29th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The weather is stormy. We drove off a bombing attack eastward of Oost Taverne.

EARLIER CABLES.

STRONG POINT CAPTURED.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We successfully raided north-eastward of Gonzeaucourt and south-westward of Hulluch.

We captured a strong point which had held out before our new line south-eastward of Langemark.

GERMAN CLAIMS.

A wireless German official report states:—We regained positions north-eastward of Frezenberg.

HOT ENGAGEMENTS.

Mr. Beach Thomas writes:—The attack east of St. Julien is aimed to destroy the multitude of fortifications. Some have been taken and others have held out. Several groups of Wurtembergers defending here were captured. One of the hottest engagements was east of the Pœlcapelle-St. Julien road. Farther south a derelict tank was bolstered up with sandbags and resisted the British.

Owing to the weather, the airmen were forced to fly at the lowest altitude, amidst the rain of enemy shells. One machine was struck by a British shell, but landed most skillfully.

LATEST CABLES.

FRENCH FRONT.

ACTIVE ARTILLERY.

PARIS, August 29th.

A communiqué states:—Artillery fire was reciprocally most active in the region of the Hurtelise Monument and on both sides of the Meuse.

EARLIER CABLES.

CAPTURES OF PRISONERS.

A communiqué states:—We have captured, 1,470 unwounded prisoners, including 37 officers, in the region of Beaumont since the 26th inst.

Russian Front.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUSSIAN FRONT.

RUSSIAN DIVISION ABANDONS POSITIONS.

LONDON, August 29th.

A wireless Russian official report states:—Stubborn enemy attacks in the direction of Okna and north-eastward of Soveia resulted in varying success.

In the direction of Focani the enemy attacked near Munchelieu. One of our divisions did not show the necessary resistance, abandoned positions, and fled in disorder.

The enemy throughout the day continued to advance, and penetrated our positions in the region of Varnitza.

GERMAN REPORT.

A wireless German official report states:—We stormed the hill positions in the Oltuz Valley, and captured six hundred prisoners.

We captured the village Munchelieu, westward of the middle Sereth.

We pressed the enemy north-westward on both sides of the Sunita Valley, and captured a thousand prisoners and three guns.

ROUMANIANS' MOST GLORIOUS DEED.

LONDON, August 29th.

The Times Correspondent with the Roumanian Army, writing on the 21st instant, describes the defence of the Marasesti front, north of Focani, as the most glorious deed of the army of Roumanians.

General Mackensen's superior forces sought to cross the Sereth by the Costesti Bridge, thereby having Jassy and the whole of Moldavia in the hollow of their hand. This began on the 8th inst., when the Russians had been replaced by Roumanians, with an assault by one enemy division. Part of a Roumanian Division on the left bank of the Sereth was hurried across the bridge to prevent the crossing. For three days this one division resisted the onslaughts of three German divisions, who were ordered to cross at all costs.

Ultimately, on the 12th inst., realising his efforts were useless, the enemy shifted his attack westwards, after enormous losses, in which the Twelfth Bavarian Division was reduced to 2,000. After that the offensive became general along the whole Marasesti front. The Germans brought up twelve divisions, and their plan was to split up the Roumanian Armies, but they were foiled by the sacrifice of nearly a whole Roumanian division. The attacks were resumed on the 14th inst., when they began by the most violent artillery fire, the infantry assaulting under clouds of poison gas, but the Roumanians stood heroically.

Although their regiments were decimated by enemy machine-guns, their officers and men refused to surrender and died at their posts. The shattered 89th Prussian Division was withdrawn on the 15th inst.

Despite the most desperate efforts, the enemy did not cross the river, and the ground gained was merely three miles deep and of no strategical value. At the third attempt on the 19th inst., two German divisions and an Austrian Brigade advanced north-east of Pancit.

The Roumanians fought in the presence of the King of Roumania with a dash and bravery beyond praise. The attacks were more desperate than ever, and they reached the barbed-wire, when the Roumanian reserves were thrown in and counter-attacked most violently. The enemy fled in disorder and 800 prisoners were taken.

This is the most serious check that the Germans have had in the Near East. After a fortnight's fighting the enemy was stopped with terrific losses by an inferior force.

The strategical advantage lies in the Roumanians' possession of the left bank of the Sereth, dominating the right bank, which is partially in German hands.

Italian Front.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MONITORS SHELLING HERMADA.

ROME, August 29th.

Correspondents emphasize that the Anglo-Italian monitors now dominate the Gulf of Trieste. They wrecked the railways to Nabrasina, Prosecco and Comeno, which are indispensable to the enemy for the transportation of reinforcements and supplies.

The monitors are now shelling the Hermada.

LATEST CABLES.

ITALIAN FRONT.

ITALIAN SUCCESS.

LONDON, August 29th.

A wireless Italian official report states:—Having overcome the enemy rearwards on the Bainsizza plateau, we are attacking a powerful line, which the enemy is defending desperately.

We made progress on the heights eastward of Gorizia.

Yesterday we captured 1,000 prisoners.

Two hundred and forty-six aeroplanes participated in the battle. A squadron of forty machines dropped 7,000 kilograms of projectiles on enemy batteries in Panovizza Wood.

AUSTRIAN REPORT.

A wireless Austrian official report states:—The superior enemy forced us to evacuate a height near Soveia.

The Austro-Germans captured positions on the Dalzack, taking a thousand prisoners.

In the ten days' battle on the Bainsizza plateau our unbroken resistance has proved us to be the victors, despite the Italian superiority.

General.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE.

NOTHING ACCOMPLISHED.

LONDON, August 29th.

The Inter-Allied Conference concluded without anything being accomplished, owing to the absence of unanimity with regard to the reports presented. It was decided to hold another Allied Conference in preparation for the Stockholm Congress.

THE QUARTERN LOAF.

LONDON, August 29th.

The Press Bureau announces that the price of the quatern loaf has been fixed at 9d. after September 17th.

INSURANCE RATES ADVANCED.

FAR EAST CARGO AFFECTED.

LONDON, August 29th.

In consequence of certain heavy losses, the underwriters have substantially advanced insurance rates on cargo to the East via the Cape.

QUEENSLAND RAILWAY STRIKE ENDED.

BRISBANE, August 30th.

The railway strike is ended, the question of wages being left to arbitration.

STANDARDISED SHIPS.

AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

LONDON, August 30th.

The first of the standardised ships which were designed quickly to replace those ships submerged has completed its final tests and the trial trip was carried out in rough weather and proved an unqualified success. The vessel, comprising a standardized hull, machinery and engines, was constructed in five months.

The programme includes four classes, ranging from 3,000 to 8,000 tons dead-weight carrying capacity.

All the principal shipbuilding yards are busily engaged in the construction of standardised vessels, special attention being given to speed.

EARLIER CABLES.

BRITISH SHIPPING.

LONDON, August 29th.

The Admiralty announce the arrivals for the week 2,623, and the sailings 2,630. Eighteen over and five under 1,600 tons were sunk, and six vessels were unsuccessfully attacked.

ITALIAN SHIPPING.

LONDON, August 29th.

For the week ending 28th inst. the Italian arrivals were 583, and the sailings 557. One steamer and two small sailing vessels were sunk, and one steamer was unsuccessfully attacked.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, August 29th.

The silver market is firm.

LATEST CABLES.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S INDICTMENT OF GERMANY.

THE OBJECT OF THE WAR.

LONDON, August 29th.

President Wilson, replying to the Pope's Note, says, *inter alia*:—"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible Government which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry out that plan regardless either of the sacred obligations of treaties or of the long-established practices and the long-cherished principles of international action and honour, which chose its own time for war and delivered its blow fiercely and suddenly, and stopped at no barrier either of law or mercy, and swept a whole Continent with a tide of blood, not the blood of soldiers only, but of innocent women and children and the helpless poor, and now stands baulked but not defeated the enemy of four-fifths of the world. This power is not the German people. It is the ruthless master of the German people, and it is our business to see that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its handling."

MALIGN INFLUENCES OF GERMANY.

To deal with the German Government in the manner the Pope proposes would involve the reumpation of its strength, and would necessitate the creation of a permanent hostile combination of nations against the German people, who are its instruments, and would result in abandoning new-born Russia to intrigue and manifold subtle interference and a certain counter-revolution which would be attempted by all the malign influences to which the German Government has lately accustomed the world. Can peace be based upon the restitution of the power of the German Government or upon its word of honour in a treaty?

The root test of every plan of peace is this:—Is it based upon the faith of all the people involved or merely upon the word and ambitions of an intriguing Government on the one hand and a group of free peoples on the other? We believe the intolerable wrongs which have been done in this war by the furious brutal power of the German Government ought to be repaired, not at the expense of the sovereignty of any people, but rather in vindication of the sovereignty both of peoples weak and strong.

WORD OF GERMANY'S RULERS VALUELESS.

Punitive damages, dismemberment of the Empires, establishment of selfish and exclusive economic leagues we deem to be inexpedient and ultimately worse than futile, and no proper basis for a peace of any kind, least of all for an enduring peace. The latter must be based upon justice, fairness, and the common rights of mankind. We cannot take the word of the present rulers of Germany as a guarantee for anything that is to endure unless it is explicitly supported by such conclusive evidence of the will and purpose of the German people themselves, as other peoples in the world would be justified in accepting.

CANNOT DEPEND UPON GERMANY.

Without such guarantees treaties of settlement, agreements for disarmament, covenants for establishing by arbitration instead of by force territorial adjustments, and reconstitution of small nations, if made with the German Government, no man and no nation could now depend upon. We must await some new evidence of the purposes of the great people of the Central Empires. God grant it may be given soon, and in such a way as will restore the confidence of all peoples everywhere in their faith in nations and the possibility of a coveted peace."

EARLIER CABLES.

PRESS COMMENT.

NEW YORK, August 29th.

The newspapers heartily approve President Wilson's rejection of the Pope's peace proposal, and emphasise that peace can only be negotiated with the representatives of the German people.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE.

MOSCOW, August 29th.

At the Conference, M. Froloff, representing the Engineers' Alliance, emphasised that the complete disorganisation of transport might have terrible consequences. The Armies might turn on Russian and commit excesses. He pointed out that the disorganisation was largely due to the extreme demands of the transport workers. Representatives of Ukraine and West Russia declared that the people thereof were ready to make any sacrifice for the country. A representative of the Letts said Courland would never belong to Germany. A delegate of the General Mussulman Alliance declared that all Mussulmans fully supported the Government.

The veteran revolutionary, Prince Kropotkin, hoped that Russia would be proclaimed as a Federative Republic. (Prolonged cheering.)

LATEST CABLES.

CONDITION OF RUSSIAN ARMY.

MOSCOW, August 29th.

General Alexieff confirmed the worst that General Korniloff had said about the disorganisation of the army. He contrasted the army of the old régime as poorly equipped but with a strong and warlike spirit with the present army as poisoned, enfeebled with ill-interpreted and ill-applied doctrines and split into two opposite camps, namely, officers and soldiers. The duties of the soldiers towards their leaders have now disappeared, officers becoming veritable martyrs. They had paid dearly in the offensive of August 1st, and in the subsequent retreat.

General Alexieff gave amazing illustrations of this. Once, when an attack was launched by a force made up of 28 officers, 20 non-coms, and two soldiers, the other soldiers looked on coldly while these heroes perished.

LATER.

Representatives of the Agrarian organisations and banks evoked great indignation by declaring that the Councils of the Workmen and Soldiers have disorganised industry, and by openly criticising the revolutionary movement.

A leading Moscow manufacturer said that the merchants were not opposed to their control so long as it was reasonable and rational.

M. KERENSKY'S CLOSING SPEECH.

M. Kerensky, in his closing speech, summed up the views expressed at the Conference as manifesting a desire to arrive at an agreement with the Provisional Government. He emphasised that the Provisional Government would not suffer from a counter-revolutionary attempt.

The Prime Minister's speech was continuously applauded.

EARLIER CABLES.

ECHO OF OTRANTO STRAITS ACTION.

DRIFTER'S FIGHT WITH AUSTRIAN CRUISERS.

LONDON, August 29th.

The Gazette publishes a number of decorations and medals in respect of the action in the Otranto Straits, on May 15th, when three Austrian cruisers attacked British drifters. These awards include the Victoria Cross to Skipper Joseph Watt, of the Naval Reserve, for most conspicuous gallantry when hailed by the Austrian cruisers at about one hundred yards' range. He was ordered to stop and abandon his drifter, but Skipper Watt ordered the boat to go full speed ahead and called upon the crew to give three cheers and to fight to a finish.

The cruiser then engaged and disabled the drifter's gun after one round had been fired. The crew stuck to the gun, endeavouring to make it work, being under heavy fire all the time.

CANADIAN CONSCRIPTION BILL SIGNED.

TORONTO, August 29th.

The Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, has signed the Military Conscription Bill.

HURRICANE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

LONDON, August 29th.

A hurricane at a velocity of a hundred miles an hour, accompanied by a rain-storm, swept over the United Kingdom.

There were thrilling lifeboat rescues at Deal.

Great damage was done to fruit trees and crops.

TEA SALE ANOMALIES.

LONDON, August 28th.

It is officially announced that steps have been taken with a view to removing the anomaly of the withdrawal of tea after sales in London, although the supplies are insufficient to meet the demand, and ensuring that in future buyers shall be able to bid for the full amount of tea offered at each sale.

GERMAN REPLY TO ARGENTINE TUNE DEMANDS.

BUENOS AIRES, August 22nd.

Germany, in replying to Argentine's demands regarding the torpedoes pulled on July 1st, promises not to sink Argentine ships carrying Argentine contraband products if Argentine prevents foreign vessels from hoisting the Argentine flag for the purpose of covering contraband. It is believed that the reply will form the basis of a satisfactory settlement.

GREECE WHOLLY WITH THE ALLIES.

ATHENS, August 29th.

The Chamber has passed a vote of confidence in the Government, proclaiming the sacredness of international agreements, including the Greco-Serbian Alliance, and expressing the conviction that the whole nation is ready to make all sacrifices in order to participate with the Allies in the struggle for liberty in order to re-establish national honour.

PRICE OF INDIAN DRAFTS.

LONDON, August 29th.

The price of Indian drafts is being raised to-morrow to 1/5 for immediate and 1/4, 20/32 for deferred telegraphic transfers of bills, owing to the difficulty of providing sufficient rupees to meet the demand, and partly because the enormous demand for silver exceeds the production.

DEATH OF EARL GREY.

LONDON, August 29th.

Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada from 1904 to 1911, is dead.

[The late Earl Grey, who was 65 years of age, succeeded his uncle in the title in 1894. It was in 1904 that he followed his mother-in-law, Lord Minto, as Governor-General of Canada, and he held the office until 1911. He sat in Parliament for some years as a Liberal, but later became an ardent Imperialist. He was Administrator of Rhodesia during 1896 and 1897. In 1914, he toured Australasia. The heir to the title is Viscount Howick, who is now serving in the war as a Staff Officer.]

THE LONG ROAD TO VICTORY.

M. VIVIANI'S WARNING.

At the monthly luncheon of the Anglo-American Press in Paris recently, M. Viviani, Minister of Justice, said:—

We are fighting because we were provoked. We wish to decide once for all the conflict between autocracy and democracy. We shall fight so long as preying nations exist, for it is necessary that free men should be able to live freely under the sun, respecting other nations, but respected themselves, and should be able to continue carrying on the part assigned to them by history. In August, 1914, the question of the intervention of England arose, but the question was never really in doubt, for it was impossible that such a great nation should look on unmoved at the massacre of Europe.

All the free nations are on their feet, the weak as well as the strong. But let us not delude ourselves. The struggle will still be severe and long, although we have already dealt formidable blows to German autocracy, which perhaps the German people are beginning to realize. What does it matter? We all prefer death to humiliation, for the supreme good is not life—it is honour for individuals and independence for nations. Moreover, to-day, when we know the manly resolution of President Wilson and the confident ardour of the American Army, we are more than ever certain of victory.

We shall beat down the preying race which menaces humanity, and when, to avoid a recurrence of such crimes, we have inspired democracy among all peoples—that is to say, universal suffrage, freedom of the Press, and responsible government—then we shall have finished our work and will be content.

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PARLIAMENT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE.

BUREAUCRACY v. DEMOCRACY. SELECT COMMITTEE PROPOSED.

In the House of Commons recently, Major Godfrey Collins moved "That this House is of opinion, in view of the continued growth of expenditure, taxation, and debt, that a committee be appointed, consisting of members of this House, with power to review all national expenditure, examine Ministers and officials and report to the House." He said the National Debt was increasing at the rate of £182,000,000 a month, and a year hence would be over £2,000,000,000. The entry of the House of Commons into the field of public finance was bound to have a salutary effect. The great Chancellors of the Exchequer of the past, such as Pitt and Gladstone, would have treated the House of Commons very differently. They would not have palmed off dummy estimates on the country. Control of expenditure was the supreme object of the House, but in the present situation this control could not be exercised because the necessary knowledge was deliberately withheld. Publicity in these matters, he contended, was not a danger, but a safeguard. The increasing use of the Press by the Government had diminished the power of the House of Commons. (Cheers.) Day by day Ministers gave the Press information for their private use, exchanging news for proposals, and leaving the House of Commons in the cold until they asked for money. The House of Commons had become merely an instrument for registering decrees and providing supplies. Was this the moment, he asked, when the authority of all Governments was being questioned and when the spirit of revolution was abroad, to deprive representative institutions of their legitimate functions, so exposing them to the criticism of the people? (Cheers.) What was the main issue? Was bureaucracy to triumph over democracy? The Mesopotamia Report was an instance of bureaucracy; the bureaucratic spirit was in the ascendant to-day; witness the growth of officialdom and the interference of the Government in the rights of individuals.

MR. ASQUITH AT THE TREASURY.

Mr. Asquith, in seconding the motion, said he regretted exceedingly that Mr. Asquith ever left the Treasury, for from the moment of his departure the damage began. When the right hon. gentleman ceased to be Chancellor of the Exchequer the expenditure was £160,000,000. In the following six years the annual expenditure increased by about 25 per cent, and in the last year of peace the estimated expenditure—that for 1914-15—was £207,000,000. Approved, at any rate platonically, by every party in the House. A contributory cause was the fact that the Treasury had become a great spending instead of a controlling Department. The congestion of the business of the House, the increasing omnipotence of the Executive over Parliament, and the growing independence of the administrative Departments had been favourable to the growth of uncontrolled expenditure.

A DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Montagu moved to substitute the following amendment for the motion:—"That, as a first step towards the better control of the public expenditure, it is expedient to appoint a Departmental Committee to consider and report what changes are necessary in the forms in which Estimates and Accounts are laid before this House to make them effective for that purpose; and, further, that it is expedient to appoint a Select Committee on Parliamentary procedure." He said he was in no way hostile to the motion. But he thought the best course to pursue was to appoint a Departmental Committee, with an admixture of expert business men, to decide, once and for all, as to the proper form in which the Estimates should be presented to the House; and a Select Committee to consider, in the light of the information supplied by the Departmental Committee, the best method of investing the House with financial control. It was in order to reinforce the House of Commons that he suggested a Departmental Committee. He would be willing to incorporate words to ensure that there should be a majority of members of the House of Commons upon it.

Dr. Macnamara said that to present token votes for the Navy had been the only possible course in the circumstances; but, without pledging himself in any way, he agreed that the question whether some more detailed information could be given was worthy of consideration. During the war, particularly in its early days, contracts had to be made in a form for which the only justification was to be found in the urgency of the position; and sometimes expenditure had to be incurred, and was rightly incurred, to meet a situation which never arose. If the House could, without reducing the instant readiness of fleets and armies, stop any public expenditure of a wasteful and useful kind and improve and extend the system of checking war expenditure, they would serve the highest ends of patriotism by making it possible to continue more vigorously and effectively the prosecution of the war.

Mr. T. Cecil said that the most effective Committee would be one of real business men, who, as it were, would be constantly looking over the shoulders of the officials in the Departments. Short of that, he saw no course but to put real business men into the Departments for the supervision of the details of administration.

Sir Tudor Walters said that slowly, but surely, the powers of the House over finance were being whittled down and taken away, and the Executive of the day, instead of being the servant of the House, was becoming its master. (Hear, hear.) The supporters of the motion wanted, and were determined that the House should

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MESOPOTAMIA REPORT. EMOLUMENTS AND REWARDS.

Mr. Bonar Law, in answer to a question by Mr. Joynton-Hicks, has issued the following particulars regarding certain persons mentioned in the Mesopotamia report:—

Lord Hardinge (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs), £2,500—Promotions or rewards since November 22nd, 1915: K.G., March 24th, 1916.

General Duff (unemployed), unemployed pay £1,000 per annum and £100 good service pension—Promotions or rewards since November 22nd, 1915: G.C.S.I., January 1st, 1916.

General Nixon (unemployed), unemployed pay £800 per annum and £100 good service pension.

Sir W. Meyer (Financial Member of the Governor-General's Executive Council), rupees 80,000 per annum.

General Barrow (Member of Indian Council), salary as member of Council £1,000 per annum, unemployed pay £800 per annum, good service pension £100 per annum—Promotions or rewards since November 22nd, 1915: G.C.S.I., February 22nd, 1916; was appointed member of Council on vacating military Secretaryship at India Office in January, 1917.

Surgeon-General W. Babbie (Director of Medical Services at the War Office), those laid down for Director of Medical Services in India—at the rate of 2,700 rupees a month—Promotions or rewards since November 22nd, 1915: K.C.M.G., May 2nd, 1916, on the recommendation of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, dated February 24th, 1916, for valuable services rendered as Director of Medical Services, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

Surgeon-General Hathaway (Deputy Director of Medical Services of the Western Command), those of a Deputy Director of Medical Services in India of 2,200 rupees a month.

have, effective control over the financial policy of the Government, and if that were not given now in a peaceable manner they would pursue their agitation until what was desired was obtained. (Cheers.)

Mr. Lough said the White Paper relating to war contracts was a sufficient justification for the motion. The whole of that paper was an admission of the most extravagant expenditure, and of a constant series of mistakes made by Ministers and Departments throughout the war.

MR. BONAR LAW ON HIS DUTIES.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer—My hon. friend who moved the amendment said it was impossible for me to fulfil the duties of Chancellor of the Exchequer with the other duties which I am trying to carry out. There is a good deal in that criticism, but I should like to say that I certainly should not continue to be Chancellor of the Exchequer if I did not think that I was capable of performing the duties. I have no object in doing it on any other terms. In the first place I am not fond of work. For the last 25 years at least I have never done anything which I could either persuade somebody else or pay somebody else to do for me (laughter), and in the second place if we are influenced by personal position—I suppose we are—the House will at once see that my position is improved by being Chancellor of the Exchequer, and that I can have no object in continuing to hold the post the moment I cannot fulfil its duties.

As a matter of fact I have been unable to give the time which I should have liked to give to my duties in the War Cabinet, and I think the result will be that the Prime Minister—we discussed it in the last few days—will find it necessary to make other arrangements, and probably to have an addition to the Cabinet to do the work which, if I were free, I should be able to do.

No one who is Chancellor of the Exchequer can fail to have a feeling, which I know is almost universal in the House, that the scale of expenditure now is something appalling, and that we have the right to be assured that it is not greater than it ought to be. I should be the last man to quarrel with the view that the House of Commons should have control in matters of this kind. The suggestion has constantly been put forward that the Government and the House of Commons were independent bodies and hostile. I say for myself, and other Ministers have said the same, that the moment the House of Commons comes to regard the Government as not representing them Ministers would cease to hold their offices.

I propose that we should appoint a Select Committee for two purposes. First, to consider whether additional control can be obtained, and in what way it can best be obtained, as a permanent arrangement; and, secondly, to do at once what was done by those Cabinet Committees of which my right hon. friend spoke; that is, to go into the Departments, examine the methods of expenditure, and make recommendations either to the House of Commons or to the Departments. That is my proposal. It is not a shirking motion in any sense, and it only carries out what is my own view, that we ought to do something more to satisfy not merely the House of Commons, but the country, that we are doing all we can to get value for the money we spend. As regards the terms of reference, I cannot give them to-day.

In reply to questions the Chancellor of the Exchequer added that the Committee would probably consider at once, whether there should be a change in the form of accounts. The terms of reference would require very careful thought, and he suggested that they should be agreed upon between the Government and ex-Ministers and the House generally. At the time when a motion was made to set up the Committee the House would have the terms of reference before them, and would have an opportunity of considering both matters.

Major G. Collins having expressed his thanks to the right hon. gentleman for having met the wishes of the supporters of the motion very fairly, the adjournment of the debate was agreed to.

RUSSIA'S PROBLEMS. QUESTION OF FINLAND.

(FROM THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

There are two national questions that are now causing some embarrassment to the Provisional Government, and multiply the complications that hamper the progress of the Russian democracy. These are the questions of Finland and the Ukraine. The case of Finland is peculiarly regrettable to friends of Finnish freedom. The generous action of the Revolutionary Government in making it its first care completely to restore Finnish Constitutional liberties has not met in Finland with anything like an adequate response. There are historical reasons for this. Finland throughout the period of her union with Russia has held aloof from the Russian people, has resolutely turned her eyes to the west and ignored the east. The alcoholism had acquired a strong tinge of hostility during the last twenty years of oppression under the old régime. This hostility has not disappeared; it has become rather more insistent since the liberation of Finland.

Inveterate ignorance of Russia, aggravated by indiscriminate hostility to Russia, is the chief explanation of the complete lack of wise generosity displayed by Finland in its dealings with the Provisional Government and the revolutionary Russian people. In the Finnish Diet the majority are Socialists, not because the majority of the Finns are convinced Socialists, but because at the time of the elections the Socialist party represented the most energetic form of protest against Russian oppression. The Government elected since the revolution is also dominantly Socialist. The Finnish Socialist party has put forward a demand for the complete separation of Finland from Russia. That is an academic demand, but it must be admitted that the policy pursued by the Diet and the Government, in spirit and effect, points very much in the same direction. The Socialists of Finland do not make common cause with the Socialists of Russia; they demand internationalism from the Russian Socialists, but in their own actions display the narrowest form of nationalism. The Diet has, it is true, passed bills granting Russians in Finland equal rights, just as the Finns have equal rights with Russians in Russia, and also repealing the oppressive restrictions established by Finnish legislation on the Jews. But the Government refrains from presenting these bills for sanction. It holds them as an argument in its bargaining with the Russian Government on the revision of the Constitution. The Finnish Government disputes the authority of the Russian Government to assume the place formerly occupied in the Finnish Constitution by the Emperor-Grand Duke, whose sanction alone gave validity to the laws passed by the Diet. The Finnish Government holds that the right to sanction laws should be placed in the hands of a Finnish Government responsible to the Diet. The Russian Government objects that it has no right to agree to such a radical change in the Constitution without the authority of the Russian Constituent Assembly, and in the meantime relations between the two peoples are growing more strained.

MUTUAL IRRITATION.

There is no need to recount the numerous pin-pricks which cause mutual irritation. But one very important question now under discussion is that of a loan to prevent a further fall in the rate of the rouble, which, from a normal average of 280 marks (Finnish) for 100 roubles, has now gone down to 138. The persistent fall in the rouble is due not only to general causes, but to the peculiar Finnish atmosphere, and to the fact that German agents in Finland are circulating a considerable quantity of false money. Numerous Russian residents in Finland, troops of the garrison, and sailors of the fleet are placed in a very unpleasant position, for not only is the official rate of the rouble low, but in practice it is extremely difficult to buy Finnish marks even at a much lower rate. The Russian Government tried to raise in Finland a loan of 250,000,000 marks to steady the exchange, the money to be spent mainly in Finland in paying for war orders and maintaining Russian troops. The Financial Committee of the Diet has voted against the loan, and it is very doubtful whether the Diet will approve it.

A delegation of Socialists from the All-Russian Congress of Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates went specially to Helsinki to expostulate with their Finnish comrades. The Finnish Socialists were unyielding, but deferred their final answer. Their demand that the Russian Government should pledge as security for the loan the Russian telegraphs, railways, and other property of the Russian State in Finland has aroused great irritation, even among advanced Russian Socialists. "The Russians are mortified by the fact that the country which has not supplied troops for the war, and has, in fact, suffered less from the war than most neutral countries, should in the hour of trial fail to support the people from whom it received liberation. The arguments of the Finns are that they dread the instability of the present Russian Government; they fear reaction and new oppression; they wish to place themselves under international protection, and are trying to seize the opportunity given by the present condition of Russia to exact strong guarantees for their freedom. A more immediate occasion for the insistence of the Finns is the frequent interference of the recently established soldiers' and sailors' committees of the local Russian garrison in Finnish internal affairs. Here there is real and definite cause for discontent, for they have actually tried to browbeat their own middle classes and terrorise the Diet by threatening to use against them Russian soldiers.

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"READY FOR A REVOLUTION." SPANISH REPUBLICAN LEADER'S INTENTION.

PRO-ALLY AIMS.

Señor Lloroux, the Spanish Republican leader, has authorised Mr. H. J. Greenwall, the *Daily Express* Special Correspondent, to make the following declaration:—

"At the moment when the Spanish Liberal party is split in twain, and when at any moment there may be dissolution in the ranks of the Conservative party, the Republicans are not only united but have with them the Socialist and Reform parties. Although universal suffrage in Spain is a farce, we have succeeded in our endeavours, and are preparing for a political revolution.

"The army's discipline is broken, and cannot be restored under the present régime. The formation of juntas among the officers was a protest against the King trying to form an army of his own. We believe that we have the strength, we are ready, and we are intelligent enough to take advantage of the present situation.

"We want to organise for peace. That must come sooner or later, and we want Spain to play her part in international politics. The Russian revolution has had a loud echo in Spain.

"I am strongly pro-Ally. Three days after the declaration of war I stated that Spain should fight on the side of France.

"Soon after the beginning of the war I was in France. I was in Paris when the first Boche bomb dropped a few paces from me. On my return the pro-Germans organised a great hostile demonstration at Irun. My secretary was injured, but since then I have brought those who called me 'traitor' to my side—the Allies' side.

"I have given the Allies' Commission all possible information."

Señor Lloroux, who is one of the most remarkable men in Spain, is the leader of the movement against the Government.

He was formerly a sergeant in the Spanish army, and first came into prominence in 1900, when he was sent to Barcelona to organise the general strike provoked by the prolonged persecution of the Anarchists. He became leader of the Barcelona irreconcilables, and was elected to the Cortes in 1901. Later he had to spend several years in exile in France and South America.

REICHSTAG OPENED.

PRESIDENT ON THE DUTY OF DEFENCE.

According to a Berlin telegram, the Reichstag was opened on July 15th, with a speech by the President, who said:—

"The war continues to rage. What a shocking amount of misery and distress would have been spared the world if our enemies had agreed to the magnanimous offer of the Kaiser and our allies to find a peace which would preserve the honour and interests of all nations! Our enemies' war aims to-day are the same as then—namely, the disruption and destruction of Germany and her allies. It is the duty of us all unanimously to resist them with all our power and to defend Germany in the future, cost what it may."

The Reichstag discussed the first reading of the Bill providing for a credit of 15,000,000,000 marks (£750,000,000). The Minister of Finance, Count von Rodern, said:—Our monthly war expenditure from February to May was 3,000,000,000 marks (£150,000,000), as compared with the British daily war expenditure of £7,800,000. The increase is due to expenditure on arms, munitions, relief, and the payment of interest. The latest war loan, amounting to 13,120,000,000 marks (£656,000,000), far exceeded our expectations, but such an achievement was possible owing to the greater possibilities for making profits and to savings. By June 21st 99 per cent. of the amount subscribed had been paid in. The gold reserve in the Reichsbank on June 15th had risen to 2,533,000,000 marks (£126,650,000), in spite of the export of the metal, but since then it has decreased by 76,000,000 (£3,800,000). Gold in the form of jewelry and coins must be handed to the Reichsbank.

The *Vossische Zeitung* states that, at a discussion by the Constitution Committee of the Reichstag on the question of the electoral rights of the Federal States, the Socialist Herr Landsberg said that the Reichstag system of franchise must be introduced into all the Federal States. "We refuse" (he said) "to allow foreign countries to interfere in our internal affairs, but the enemy must be deprived of the pretext that Germany is a bulwark of barbarism."

Herr Kröth (Conservative) declared that a general, equal, and secret franchise was out of the question for Prussia. "Prussia" (he said) "is not easily to be won over to democracy. The Prussian electoral law must preserve its Prussian character, and the Reichstag has no right to interfere in the electoral laws of Federal States."

Herr Müller (Meiningen) defended the right of the Reichstag to interfere, and this view was also supported by members of the National Liberal Party.—*Reuter*.

The whole position is extremely unfortunate, because the Finns, by their own shortsightedness, are damaging their own interests and harming the cause of the small nationalities. The Finns, however, their constitution may ultimately shape itself, will always be neighbours of the Russian people. A little patience, a little sympathy, a little generosity now would have proved directly profitable to the Finns in the long run, whereas their present policy is sowing the seeds of bitterness and suspicion that will render the task of mutual adjustment far more difficult in the future. Those who warmly sympathise with both peoples cannot but deeply regret the present misunderstanding.

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